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Concert Hall to be named Oscar Peterson Hall:

BOARD APPROVES BUDGET MEASURES AND WILL MEET AGAIN ON LOYOLA REVITALIZATION PLAN

MONTREAL / June 18, 1998 — Concordia's Board of Governors approved yesterday the 1998-99 operating budget which proposed a series of measures to deal with an estimated $8 million shortfall for the current year precipitated by further funding cutbacks to all Quebec universities.

The Board approved a six-point plan:

1. An administrative/academic fee increase, commencing in January 1999, of $6 per credit in the first year and $3 per credit in each of the second and third years (roughly $180 per year for a full-time undergraduate student) for all undergraduate and graduate students. After full implementation, this fee will raise about $5.7 million annually for the University budget. One million dollars will be requested from Concordia's Capital Campaign foundation to help the neediest students pay this fee.

2. A goal to increase enrolment by 175 full-time-equivalent students in 1998-99, 175 in 1999-2000 and 125 in 2000-2001, resulting in a projected increase in the per-student government grant of $612,500 annually.

3. Resulting from the same projected increase in enrolment, an annual increase of $280,000 from tuition fees will be generated.

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4. An increase of STIP (studies-in-progress) fees, to be imposed on graduate students who fail to graduate within the time frame funded by government grants.
5. Overall budget cuts of 0.5 per cent in the academic sector and 1 per cent in the administrative sector in 1998-99, and the same the following year.
6. Increased profit from the University's ancillary services.

Despite these measures, the University still projects a $5.3 million deficit in 1998-99, which would be added to the University's long-term debt of $36.6 million.

Loyola Revitalization

The Board mandated the administration to pursue discussions with Quebec City for provincial space plan funding but will be holding a special meeting this summer to analyse and discuss more fully the options presented in the Loyola Task Force Report within the context of the overall University space plan.

Oscar Peterson Hall

The Board of Governors passed a resolution approving the naming of the Concert Hall at the Loyola Campus Oscar Peterson Hall.

Dr. Frederick Lowy, Rector of Concordia University said, "Oscar Peterson exemplifies the values that our university strives to pass on to its students, excellence, dedication and a deep caring for our fellow human beings. It is a great honour for us all to have Oscar Peterson lend his name to our Concert Hall and we eagerly await his visit."

Montreal-born pianist Oscar Peterson is one of Canada's best-known musicians, and among the very elite of jazz instrumentalists. He received an honorary doctorate (LLD) from Concordia University in June 1979, and was the most recent recipient of the Loyola Medal in 1997, the University's highest award.

Peterson is the recipient of 13 honorary doctorates, the Governor General of Canada's Performing Arts Award, a lifetime achievement Grammy award, and is a Companion of the Order of Canada. This is the first Concert Hall named in his honour.

An official naming ceremony and gala benefit concert featuring the Oscar Peterson Quartet will be held in the Fall. Details concerning these events will be released in the coming weeks.

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Advisory Search Committee for the position of Provost and Vice-Rector, Research

An Advisory Search Committee for the position of Provost and Vice-Rector, Research was struck, consisting of Rector Lowy (Chair), Lillian Vineberg (community-at-large), Terrill Fancott (faculty representative of the Board), Gary Johns (faculty), Peter Rist (faculty), George Vatistas (faculty), Marcel Danis (senior management), Miriam Posner (staff) and representatives to be named later from the Faculty of Arts and Science, undergraduate and graduate students.

Board Membership

Chancellor Eric Molson, Chairman of the Board Reginald K. Groome and Vice-Chairs Jacques Ménard and Lillian Vineberg were confirmed in their respective positions for another year ending on 30 June 1999.

Christine Lengvari (community-at-large) and Steven Appelbaum (faculty) will join the Board for a three-year term ending 30 June 2001.

Marianne Donaldson (community-at-large), Leonard Ellen (community-at-large), Reginald K. Groome (community-at-large), Peter Howlett (community-at-large), Miriam Roland (community-at-large), Jonathan Wener (community-at-large) and Elizabeth Sacca (faculty) were re-elected to the Board for a three-year term ending 30 June 2001.

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